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For: **IMAGE PICKUP APPARATUS WITH FUNCTION OF ADJUSTING INCIDENT LIGHT QUANTITY**

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

This is a full and complete response to the Office Action having a mailing date of December 23, 2004. The three month shortened statutory period to respond is set to expire March 23, 2005. In the event this paper is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiencies or credit any overpayments of Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow all claims pending in this application.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.